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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: BENC, KS

SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: HYUNDAI CAPROLACTUM PLANT  
CONSTRUCTION -

REF: SEOUL 6614

1. HRI ENGINEERING (DIVISION OF DYNALECTRON)  
IS QUITE CONCERNED OVER REFTEL. HRI STATES THAT  
TURNKEY PROPOSALS WERE SUBMITTED ON SUBJECT PROJECT  
IN FEBRUARY, 1977. HRI SUBMITTED PROPOSAL BASED ON  
ITALIAN SNIA-VISCOSA (NON-AMMONIUM SULFATE) PROCESS.  
COMPANY BELIEVES ARTHUR G. MCKEE ALSO MADE PROPOSAL  
BASED ON DUTCH STAMICARBON PROCESS. HRI HAD BEEN  
VIGOROUSLY PURSUING CONTRACT, BUT AS OF JUNE WAS TOLD  
THAT MCI AND HYUNDAI WERE CONDUCTING TECHNICAL  
EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS AND WERE TO HIRE INDEPENDENT  
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CONSULTANT TO ADVISE ON RELATIVE MERITS OF TWO COMPETING  
PROCESSES. HRI HAD SINCE HEARD THAT PROJECT WAS  
ON BACK BURNER DUE TO POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS.

2. PARA 5 REFTEL REFERS TO STAMICARBON PROCESS. IF  
STAMICARBON PROCESS HAS, IN FACT, BEEN CHOSEN, THEN  
HRI HAS LOST CONTRACT, ALTHOUGH IT HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY

OFFICIAL WORD FROM HUUNDAI. HRI WISHES TO KNOW WHAT  
HAPPENED TO ORIGINAL PROPOSALS AND WOULD LIKE  
CONFIRMATION RE CHOICE OF PROCESS. PLEASE RESPOND  
SOONEST, SINCE COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE TRAVELING  
IN FAR EAST EN ROUTE TO KOREA WILL HAVE TO BE  
ADVISED.

3. WE HAVE ALSO CONTACTED MCKEE, BUT HAVE NOT YET  
RECEIVED RESPONSE.  
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